

*Forest Industries, Travancore.*

147. MR. P. T. CHACKO: Will the Honourable Minister for Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Forest Industries Travancore has resorted to a system of giving private contracts to defeat the provisions of the Factory Act by converting the labourers as employees of the private contractors; and

(b) have the Government taken any steps to protect the labourers from this?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: (a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view to answer to (a).

*Bridges.*

148. MR. V. K. VERGHESE (*Pathanamthitta III—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Government are aware that one bridge at Thumpamon—Kozhencherry road and another on Kulanada-Omalloor road are in complete damaged condition and that much inconvenience is caused to the travelling public at these bridges?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: Yes. Arrangements have been made for reconstructing the bridge in 7/4 Thumpamon-Kozhencherry road and for renewing the damaged planks of the one in Kulanada-Omalloor road.

*Puthenchirai Parur road.*

149. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Puthenchirai (in Parur taluk) has no connecting road to Parur, the headquarters of the taluk;

(b) whether any petition has been received from the people of the locality stating the urgent necessity of a road connecting to Parur town; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative whether any action has been taken?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

*Pattani thodu in Parur taluk.*

150. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided in the Budget of 1123 for deepening the Pattani thodu in Parur taluk;

(b) the amount spent till 15-11-1123;

(c) the amount expected to be spent before the end of the year; and

(d) whether he is aware that this thodu goes right through the Parur town?